

Appl. No. 10/510,302
Response Dated May 14, 2007
Reply to Office Action dated March 12, 2007

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated March 12, 2007. Claims 1-13 are pending. Claims 1, 9 and 12 are independent.

In the Office Action, claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,440,452 (Kitahara).

Claim 1 is not anticipated by Kitahara because claim 1 recites "wherein the conductor pattern extends over and is recessed in the first and the second side." Nowhere does Kitahara teach or suggest a recessed conductor pattern in a first and second side of an insulating body as recited in claim 1. In contrast, Kitahara discloses a lead 3 that rests on top of a frame 4 (see Kitahara, Fig. 16). Because Kitahara does not teach or suggest a conductor pattern extending over and being recessed in a first and second side of an insulating body, as recited in claim 1, Kitahara does not teach every element of claim 1 and claim 1 is therefore not anticipated by Kitahara. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

In the Office Action, the Examiner points to element 4 of Fig. 16 of Kitahara as the claimed "insulating body" of the present application. The Office Action does not, however, point to any portion of element 4 of Fig. 16 of Kitahara in which an "insulating body" has a "first and second side between which an enclosed angle is present of substantially less than 180 degrees," as claimed by the present application. Indeed, while the Office Action points to lead 3 of Fig. 35 of Kitahara as being folded into a circular arc (of less than 180 degrees), lead 3 is a

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conductor, and is not equivalent to the claimed "insulating body" of the present application. In addition, the Office action does not point to any portion of Kitahara in which element 4 of Fig. 16 of Kitahara (being used in the Office Action as an insulating body) has a "first and second side between which an enclosed angle is present of substantially less than 180 degrees."

Moreover, while the Office Action points to Fig. 16 of Kitahara as having a bent conductor, the bent conductor of Fig. 16 of Kitahara is not described or shown as a "conductor pattern [that] extends over and is recessed in the first and the second side" of an "insulating body" that has a "first and second side between which an enclosed angle is present of substantially less than 180 degrees." Accordingly, for these additional reasons, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Independent claim 9 comprises similar features as claim 1 and is therefore not anticipated by Kitahara for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claim 9 is in condition for allowance and request that the examiner withdraw that rejection.

Claims 2-8 and 14 depend from claim 1 and are therefore not anticipated by Kitahara for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-8 are in condition for allowance and request that the examiner withdraw those rejections.

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In the Office Action, claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitahara in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,486,412 to Kato. Applicants submit that the prior art references when combined must teach or suggest all the claim limitations (MPEP 706.02(j)). Independent claims 10 and 12 comprise similar features as claim 1 and are therefore not anticipated by Kitahara for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 10 and 12 are in condition for allowance and request that the examiner withdraw that rejection.

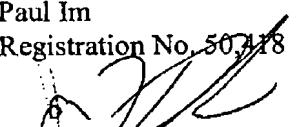
Claim 11 depends from claim 10 and is therefore not anticipated by Kitahara for at least the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 is in condition for allowance and request that the examiner withdraw that rejection.

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In view of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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